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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Chiklis et al.

Examiner: Louise Wang Zhiying Humphrey

Serial No.: 09/981,506

Art Unit: 1648

Filed: October 17, 2001

Title: Nucleic Acid Amplification Controls

**RESPONSE and REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2006, Applicants herewith file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Applicants also request the Examiner to consider the following.

**Remarks**

The Examiner indicates that in the current application, claims 2-4, 13-15, 49, 52, 60, 61 and 70 are being considered. Applicants respectfully request that claims 5-9, 16, 17, 50, 51, 53-57, 62 and 63 which were subjected to election of species, be rejoined with the currently considered claims.